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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Central Reference
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Implementation of Kilian Report, NSC Action 1430;
Specific Recommendation C.5

1. By virtue of its action of 4 August 1955 (number 1430) the NSC "noted that the responsible agencies have concurred either in full or with qualifications in the following recommendations and will implement them as indicated in the comments." The comments as far as this Agency is concerned have been embodied in a memorandum from the DCI to Executive Secretary of the NSC dated 6 June 1955 under the subject of "NSC Action 1355" (TS #103738).

2. Specific Recommendation C.5 reads as follows:

"For improvement and better use of our intelligence we require an automatic procedure to lower the security classification of certain information about enemy tactical capabilities and orders-of-battle as war starts."

This recommendation falls among those in which primary responsibility was assigned to other agencies (in this case the Department of Defense) subject to coordination with CIA. The comment of the Secretary of Defense on this recommendation is as follows:

"The Secretary of Defense concurs in Panel recommendation and will prepare an appropriate plan for its implementation, which will be coordinated with the Director of Central Intelligence."

I believe no initiative on your part is required at this time; however, when Defense does consult this Agency the responsibility for the function embodied in this recommendation as far as this Agency is concerned rests with OCR.

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